





WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?

EXCUSE
ME THEN.



I'M
GOING
TOMORROW,
SO I'M
GONNA
CATCH
A LATE
SHOW.

TO THE
MOVIE
THEATRE
ON
CHOUAN
BOULE-
VARD
I USED
TO GO
THERE
A LOT
WHEN
I WAS A
KID



BUT WHEN I
SHOWED UP
HERE ALL OF A
SUDDEN, HE
KICKED ME AND
LET ME LIVE
HERE AS WELL.
HE'S A GOOD
PERSON.

...HE'S
NOT THE
FRIENDLIEST
SON.

HAHAHA.

Yeah,
that's
true...



I'LL BE
CAREFUL.
SEE YOU
LATER.



...BE
CAREFUL.
THIS TOWN
ISN'T AS
SAFE AS
IT USED
TO BE.

ESPECIALLY
AT NIGHT

Chapter 1 Homecoming



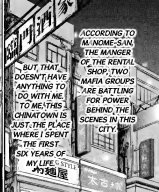


he he he.

Oh, stop.

PERHAPS

MY PARENTS MUST NOT HAVE LIKED THIS TOWN VERY MUCH.



BUT THAT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME. TO ME, THIS CHINATOWN IS JUST THE PLACE WHERE I SPENT THE FIRST SIX YEARS OF MY LIFE.

ACCORDING TO M'NOME-SAN, THE MANGER OF THE RENTAL SHOP, TWO MAFIA GROUPS ARE BATTLING FOR POWER BEHIND THE SCENES IN THIS CITY.



BUT THE SQUALIDNESS OF THIS TOWN NEVER DISAPPEARED FROM MY MEMORY.

THIS CITY, THE FIRST PORT THEY ARRIVED AT AFTER LEAVING CHINA, WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A PLACE THEY PASSED THROUGH ON THEIR JOURNEY.

SIGN "CHOUAN CINEMA"



WELL... THE REASON I CAME BACK IS A FAIRLY UNIMPRESSIONABLE ONE, THOUGH.

AND NOW I'VE COME BACK.









LET'S
HAVE A
BATHTUB
INSTALLED

WHAT'S
THERE'S
NOTHING
BUT A
SHOWER IN
THE BATH-
ROOM?



WHAT'S
THERE'S
NOTHING
BUT A
SHOWER IN
THE BATH-
ROOM?

HMP?

WHAT'S
THERE'S
NOTHING
BUT A
SHOWER IN
THE BATH-
ROOM?



GO AHEAD
I'M THE
NOCTURNAL
TYPE SO I'D
PREFER NOT
TO HAVE
SUNLIGHT
COMING IN.



YOU'RE
RIGHT!
KATSURA,
CAN I HAVE
THIS ROOM?



THIS ROOM
SEEMS NICE,
DOESN'T IT?
IT'S BRIGHT
AND
SPACIOUS.



WHAT'S
IN THIS
ROOM?

AH.
I TOLD
YOU,
THAT'S...



WHAT'S
WITH ALL
THE RACKET
SO EARLY
IN THE
MORNING...?

WAIT...
I'VE
HEARD
THAT
YOUR
BEFORE
SOME-
WHERE...



YAY!



PLEASED
TO MEET
YOU!!

HUH?

I SEE
THESE ARE
ACQUAINTANCES
OF MINE.

I JUST
SAW THEM
AT THE
THEATER
IS ALL...

GOOD
MORNING,
MARQUE-
SAN.

THEY'LL
BE LIVING
ON THIS
FLOOR
STARTING
TODAY



SORRY
TO MAKE
YOU HELP
US OUT SO
EARLY IN
THE MORNING.



WHY'S
THAT?

WE WERE
SUDDENLY
EJECTED
FROM THE
LAST
PLACE WE
WERE AT.



.....
Huh...?
SQUINTING

SORRY,
BUT GIVE
THEM A
HAND
WOULD
YOU.









SO I HEAR
WHEN I WALK
AROUND TOWN
THOUGH, IT
DIDN'T
FEEL THAT
DIFFERENT.

THOSE
TWO MAFIA
GROUPS
HAVE BEEN
FIGHTING
WITH EACH
OTHER FOR A
LONG TIME
NOW.

MANOME-
SAN HAS
SAVED
THAT IT'S
GOTTEN
DANGEROUS,
TOO.

YEAH,
BUT IT'S
A LOT
LARGER
THAN IT
WAS
TWENTY
YEARS
AGO.

OH? SO
YOU COME
FROM HERE
THAT?

...LET'S
BOTH BE
CAREFUL
ONE OTHER
THING...

PROBABLY

MAYBE
YOU JUST
DIDN'T GO TO
ANY OF THE
DANGEROUS
PLACES
WHEN YOU
WERE A
KID.

YOU WERE
LOOKING AT
THAT POSTER
FOR SO LONG, I
THOUGHT YOU
WERE GONNA
STORE A HOLE
THROUGH IT.

No way
store like a
portal hole
through it.

Y... YOU
WERE
WATCHING
ME?

NGH...!
GET A
REAL
HOBBY!

IF YOU
DON'T THINK
THAT WAY,
YOU'D BEST
NOT GO
THREE AT
NIGHT.

THE
UNDER-
GROUND
FLOOR
OF THAT
THEATRE IS
A PLACE TO
PICK UP A
GUY.



WHA?!

GOGONGSI,
YOU'RE
GAY?



SOLUBERE

サッ

OH, YOU!
DON'T BE
SO MAD!



AAA-
HAHA!
OH, I
SEE.

HEY!
THAT'S
SO MEAN!
IT'S
DISCRIMINA-
TION!!

NO, I'M
NOT! DON'T
LUMP ME
TOGETHER
WITH HIM!



OPEN

VIDEO RENTAL
ARCHIVE

IT LOOKS
LIKE
WE'LL BE
ABLE TO
GET
ALONG
PRETTY
WELL.

I'M NOT
SURE WHAT
TO MAKE OF
THIS, BUT...

LET GO
OF ME
ALREADY!

I'M
AGAINST
DISCRIMI-
NATION!







SOUP
DUMP-
LINGS...
WHERE DO
THEY
SERVE
THOSE?



So heart-
warming.

THEY
REALLY
DO LOOK
LIKE
SISTERS,
THOUGH.

SOUP
DUMP-
LINGS!!

YOU
GOT IT



?
WHAT'S
WRONG?



HUH?

GET
DOWN!!









I'M
PART OF
THE
MAFIA.



WHAT'S
WRONG?
YOU'RE
NOT
EATING.

IT'S A
GOOD
THING
THIS
PLACE
WAS
OPEN.



YUE
THIS
TASTES
GREAT!



.....M-ME'S
NOT
THOUGH...
RIGHT?



THAT'S
RIGHT

A...ARE
YOU
ALSO...
IN THE
MAFIA,
RUKA-
SAN...?





THIS
RESTAURANT
HAS CLOSE
TIES WITH
OUR ORGANI-
ZATION.



チーフ

...ASH...



IT'S
NO
USE.



HE
CONFERRED
THAT A SPY
HAD DRUCK
HIS WAY
INTO OUR
ORGANIZATION,
LOVELY
HOMETOWN.

A WHILE
AGO, KATSURA
KILLED A LOAN
SHAW WHO
WORKED FOR
DRAGON'S
BOARD.

A...A
POSS...?



IT'S AS
IF THEY KNOW
EXACTLY HOW
WE'RE GOING
TO ACT—
LIKE IN THE
INCIDENT THAT
JUST TOOK
PLACE.



I GO
OUT TO DO
MY "JOB,"
AND WHEN I
ARRIVE AT
THE SITE,
THE TARGET
IS LONG
GONE.



THERE'VE
BEEN A
LOT OF
INCIDENTS
LATELY.

MANOME-
SANTIS
INVOLVED
TOO...?

IT'S POSSIBLE
THAT ONE CASUALLY
SLIPPED INTO
MANOME'S STORE
AND STARTED SNIFFING
AROUND MANOME
AND US.

DOGS AREN'T
NECESSARILY
INSIDE THE
HOUSE. THEY
ARE DOGS,
AFTER ALL.

STOP IT,
RUKA.

IS IT
NOT ME
I TOLD
YOU
DIDN'T I,
KATSURA?
I WAS
BORN IN
THIS TOWN
AND —

THAT
DIDN'T
PROVE A
THING.

IF ANYTHING,
IT GIVES RISE TO
THE POSSIBILITY
THAT YOU'RE
HAD TIPS WITH
DRAGON'S
BEARD FOR
A VERY LONG
TIME.



YOU'RE
JUST LIKE
A LITTLE
DOG
MAKING A
HUGE
RACKET!

OH, STOP
WHINING!
YOU'RE
SO LOUD!



I SAW THIS
GUY KILL
SOMEONE
BACK THERE,

WHAT PART
OF ME LOOKS
LIKE I BELONG
TO THE MAFIA?
I'M SHAKING
IN MY BOOTS
HERE!

AND
NOW I
DON'T
EVEN
HAVE
THE WILL
TO EAT
ANY-
THING!



AWW.
THERE'S YOU
GO SULKING.
WE'RE LIVING
TOGETHER, SO
LET'S GET
ALONG!

DON'T
MAKE IT
SOUND
LIKE
WE'RE A
COUPLE!!



HEY, IT'S
DEAD.
WE'VE
DECIDED
THAT
YOU'RE
NOT A
SPY.

PEOPLE IN
THE MAFIA
SUDDENLY ARE
SCARY.

SHE
SUCCEEDED
SO KIND
TOO...
(SOS)

HUMPH!



ARE YOU
KIDDING MAY?
I'M OUT OF
HERE!!

LET'S
START
OVER
AND
DRINK
UP!









GOOD
NIGHT
THEN,
GONGHI.

X-1
DASH



...YEAH.



AFTER ALL,
EVERY PERSON
HARBORS
EVIL INSIDE,
RIGHT?



LOOKS ME
RIGHT IN
THE EYES
AND TELLS
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.

BUT WHEN
A LITTLE
GIRL,
HUGGING
A STUFFED
ANIMAL,

I THINK IT'S
PRESUMPTU-
OUS FOR A
PERSON TO
CLAIM THAT
HE OR SHE IS
TRULY GOOD.

I LIKE
MOVIES
BECAUSE
THEY TEACH
YOU THAT.

IT'S TRUE
SHE'S
EXACTLY
RIGHT.







DON'T
DO IT. IT'S
DANGEROUS.

DON'T
TELL ME
YOU'RE
GOING TO
MAKE A
DELIVERY OR
SOMETHING
AT THIS
TIME OF
NIGHT



HMT
THAT'S
WHAT I
WANNA
ASK YOU.

I
COULDN'T
SLEEP..

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING,
GONGONGI?



GEE.
IF YOU'RE
THAT
WORRIED
WHY DON'T
YOU COME
WITH ME!

DO
IT IN THE
MORNINGS!

WELL,
IT'S
SOMETHING
LESS
THAT!



I CAN'T
LET HER
GO BY
HERSELF!

AH
DASH



OHMY..
KATSUMI
STILL
HASN'T
COME
BACK
YET?

THE
MAMA IS
SCARY...
BUT







I DON'T
CARE
ABOUT...

HUH?
WHAT
FOR?



WHA...



WHAM







HEY
MEI...

BYE-BYE.

SLASH







YOU
SAID
"YESAH,"
DIDNT
YOU.

—EARLIER,

WHEN I
SAID THAT
ALL PEOPLE
HARBOR
EVIL INSIDE
THEM,



SOHONGSI,

...ARE YOU MY
ENEMY? OR
MY FRIEND?



IT'S TRUE.
THAT'S
WHY THE
ONLY THING
THAT'S
IMPORTANT

IS TO
DETERMINE
WHO ARE
YOUR
ENEMIES
AND WHO
ARE YOUR
FRIENDS.

